

Washington, DC - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today that Alex Clopton of Cedar Falls received an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. Clopton will enroll at West Point in fall 2010.

"I'm proud to announce that Alex Clopton was accepted to West Point," Braley said. "I nominated Alex to West Point because of his excellent academic record and his outstanding character. Alex is an impressive young man and our country is extremely lucky that someone so tremendously qualified has volunteered to serve in uniform."

Clopton will graduate from Cedar Falls High School this spring, where he is ranked first in his class. Clopton is the son of Krisha and John Clopton.

Each year Congressman Braley nominates students to the military service academies. Nominees must demonstrate upstanding character, academic achievement, physical fitness, and leadership skills. A nominating committee comprised of community leaders reviews all applicants, with Congressman Braley recommending top candidates to the respective academies. All nominated students may not receive appointments, as final acceptance decisions are made by the service academy.